

1. Read the text and answer the questions below. (8p)

The Egyptians developed writing about 6,000 years ago. Scribes were among the few people who could read and write. **They** decorated their temples with hieroglyphics, which Egyptians called 'the words of God'. The Egyptians developed hieroglyphic writing at the same time as Sumerian writing was developed on soft clay. However, the Egyptians didn't write on clay; they wrote on papyrus, wood and rock walls.

The Egyptians were the first to use writing in everyday life. That is how **they** found that hieroglyphics were great for decorating temple walls, but not very useful in daily business. For these more common activities, people used a simpler script, called 'hieratic'.

Hieroglyphic writing used symbols or pictures to represent objects. People wrote hieroglyphics in rows or columns. In the case of rows, you can read **them** from left to right or from right to left. You must look at the human or animal figures to work out which direction to read. (They always face towards the beginning of the line.) In the case of a column, you must read from top to bottom. Hieroglyphic symbols are divided into alphabetical signs that represent a single sound, and signs that represent a combination of two or three consonants. There were also 'word signs'. These are pictures of objects. There were at least 700 symbols, and each symbol had up to three meanings. Also, a symbol could represent just one sound or it could represent the picture **it** showed. Our writing system today is much simpler!

1. In which country was hieroglyphic writing originated?
2. In which direction do you think hieroglyphic writing was read?
3. Do you agree with the article that our writing system today is much simpler? Why / Why not?
4. What do the pronouns in **bold** refer to?
5. What do the underlined words in the article mean?
6. Are the following sentences write or wrong?
 - Scribes decorated their temples with clay.
 - Before they discovered papyrus, the Egyptians wrote on clay.
 - People wrote hieroglyphics only in rows.
 - You should read symbols in columns from left to right.

2. Listen and complete.(12)

know	footprint	have to	notice	snake	want	surface	experience
	difference	young		disordered		enough	

If youto discover the desert andthe life of the Bedouins who live there, youvisit the Wadi Rum desert in Jordan. If you spendtime there, you will soon be able to read and understand theof the sand like a book. If you see eaten grass and asurface of the sand, you will know that a herd of sheep had passed from there. You will alsothebetween atraveller'sand that of an older one. If you see wavy lines in the sand, you willthen that awas there not long ago.

